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SUBJECT: FURTHER CONSULTATIONS ON ARMS FOR SOMALIA

REF: STATE 189617

1. ACTION ADDRESSEES SHOULD TAKE CARE TO EXPLAIN TO  
APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN HOST GOVERNMENTS STATE OF OUR

CURRENT DEALINGS WITH SOMALIA. AS PART OF A MULTILATERAL EFFORT TO PROVIDE SOMALIA WITH AN ALTERNATIVE TO DEPENDENCE ON SOVIET ARMS, IN MID-JULY USG AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO PROVIDE DEFENSIVE ARMS TO ASSIST IN FILLING GAPS IN SOMALIA'S DEFENSES OF ITS EXISTING TERRITORY.

2. MEANWHILE ESCALATION OF OGADEN FIGHTING AND PARTICIPATION OF REGULAR SOMALI UNITS HAS LED US TO DELAY IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISION TO PROVIDE MILITARY EQUIPMENT. SOMALIS HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THIS AND TOLD THAT FOR THE SAME REASONS, WE CANNOT NOW AUTHORIZE THIRD-COUNTRY TRANSFER OF FMS-ORIGIN ITEMS.

3. SOMALIS HAVE ALSO BEEN INFORMED THAT WE STRONGLY FAVOR A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE OGADEN DISPUTE AND THEREFORE FAVOR THE (CURRENTLY-STALLED) OAU MEDIATION EFFORT. DEPT. SPOKESMAN (STATE 191143) PUBLICLY SUPPORTED OAU MEDIATION IN AUGUST 10 PRESS CONFERENCE.

4. WE ARE NOT DISCOURAGING TRANSFER OF NON-US ORIGIN ARMS BY THIRD COUNTRIES TO SOMALIA. VANCE

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